GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEES
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States that have constituted District Planning Committees; and

(b) the extent of benefits that have accrued as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): Of the 24 States to which the provisions of Parts IX and IX-A of the Constitution apply, 18 States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Orissa, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and West Bengal have constituted District Planning Committees (DPCs) in accordance with Article 243 ZD of the Constitution.

(b): Article 243ZD of the Constitution mandates that there shall be constituted in every State at the district level a District Planning Committee to consolidate the plans prepared by the Panchayats and the Municipalities in the district and to prepare a draft development plan for the district as a whole.
The establishment of District Planning Committees and the consolidation of draft district plans by DPCs in conformity with Article 243ZD of the Constitution is the "sine qua non" of the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF). The Planning Commission has issued guidelines on 25th August 2006 for the preparation of participative district plans, which form part of the BRGF guidelines. The State-wise details of funds released during 2006-07 and 2007-08 against participative district plans that have been consolidated by DPCs is annexed.